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STATE PASS TO AID/ OPS/ W FROM RIYADH

E. O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES SECURITY

REF: STATE 63799

FOLLOWING IS A RETRANSMIT OF ORIGINAL MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM
RIYADH 8 FEB 73:

1. PSO AND STAFF MEMBER SUMMONED URGENTLY CONSULT GENERAL
AL- TUNISI, DIRECTOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES, AFTERNOON
6 FEB PURPOSE DISCUSS PSF CONFIDENTIALLY- ACQUIRED INFO THAT
SOME FUTURE SAUDI AIRLINES FLIGHT JIDDA/ CAIRO/ TRIPOLI/ ALGIERS/
MARRAKECH WOULD BE HIJACKED AND FORCED FLY REFUGE COUNTRY NOT
INDICATED. AL- TUNISI/ STAFF MEMBERW OBVIOUSLY FEARFUL SUCH MIGHT
HAPPEN AND REQUESTED ADVICE COUNTER SUCH POSSIBILITY.

2. SHORT- RANGE RECOMMENDATIONS COUNTER IMMEDIATE THREAT
GIVEN EXTEND STRICT APPLICATION ALL FOLLOWING ALL OUTGOING
FLIGHT DESTINATIONS INCLUDING FOREIGN TOUCHDOWNS AS WELL
INCOMING FLIGHTS / FOREIGN TOUCHDOWNS: (1) THOROUGH RPT THOROUGH
INDIVIDUAL PASSENGER/ CARRY- ON BAGGAGE SEARCHES AND PERSONAL
IDENTIFICATION HOLD BAGGAGE; (2) STRINGENT PASSPORT EXAMIN A
TION; (3) PROFILE; (4) STATIONING OF KNOWN QUALITY, DEDICATED,
RELIABLE, QUALIFIED MOI PERSONNEL ABOARD THOSE FLIGHTS EXPECTED
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MOST VULNERABLE, ETC. AS IS PRACTICED OTHER NATIONS. LONG-RANGE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED (1) TRAINING OF SELECTED PERSONNEL; (2) SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS; (3) DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT PFS/SDI MASTER PLAN; (4) SPECIAL EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT, ET AL.

3. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH PERSONAL REQUEST PSO FROM AL-TUNISI PROVIDE AIRLINES SECURITY TRAINING AND MONITOR PROCUREMENT SUCH US- ORIGIN EXTERNAL DETECTION EQUIPMENT AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED, AS WELL AS THAT WHICH COULD BE USED DETERRENT INSIDE AIRCRAFT.

4. FYI: INDICATIONS APPARENT EARLY MEETING WITH SAUDI AIRLINES OFFICIALS IN OFFING MAP OUT JOINT/ DETAILED PLAN AIRLINES SECURITY INCORPORATING BEST INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES. REQUEST AIRMAIL ALL AVAILABLE COMMODITY INFO. LTR OPS/ W FOLLOWS.
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